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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

KIM, GEUN-BAE

Examiner

David Dunn

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 2/24/04.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Priority

1. Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), which papers have been placed of record in the file.

Information Disclosure Statement

2. The information disclosure statement filed February 24, 2004 is acknowledged. See enclosed IDS form.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 1 and 2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Schmidt, Jr. et al. (US 5,503,418).

Schmidt, Jr. discloses a steering knuckle assembly for vehicles comprising: a body (40) and a connector (34) mounted to the body and connected to a terminal end of a tie rod (20) via ball joint coupling (60), wherein the connector is detachably fixed to the body via a bolt (36). The body has a ball joint mounting section and a caliper mounting section (see 73, Figure 5).

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5. Claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kozyra et al. (5,120,150).

Kozyra et al. discloses a steering knuckle assembly for vehicles comprising: a body (62) and a connector (22) mounted to the body and connected to a terminal end of a tie rod (59) via ball joint coupling, wherein the connector is detachably fixed to the body via a bolt (thru 68). The body has a ball joint mounting section (28) and a caliper mounting section (45). The connector has a second fixing end (46) which is fixed to the caliper mounting section.

6. Claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Matsuda Koichi (JP 05-193513).

Matsuda Koichi discloses a steering knuckle assembly for vehicles comprising: a body (10) and a connector (48) mounted to the body and connected to a terminal end of a tie rod (56) via ball joint coupling (58), wherein the connector is detachably fixed to the body via a bolt. The body has a ball joint mounting section (on 20) and a caliper mounting section (42). The connector has a second fixing end (at 44) which is fixed to the caliper mounting section.

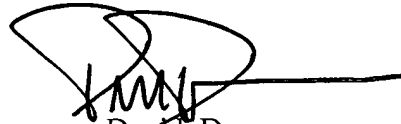
Conclusion

7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Dudding et al. shows a knuckle of interest. Chun shows a knuckle with an detachable attachment. McHale shows a detachable knuckle attachment.

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David Dunn whose telephone number is 571-272-6670. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri, 8:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Paul Dickson can be reached on 571-272-6669. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Dunn', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

David Dunn
Primary Examiner
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